

# Healy Leads Diehl by 28 points in Hypothetical Governor Match-Up

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Democrats had the edge among voters in each of four hypothetical gubernatorial matchups floated in a new poll. Emerson College Polling surveyed 848 registered voters between May 2 and May 4 and asked about possible face-offs between the top two candidates on either side: Democrats Attorney General Maura Healey and Sen. Sonia Chang-Díaz, and Republicans former Rep. Geoff Diehl and businessman Chris Doughty.

If voters polled had to choose between Healey and Diehl, each of whom is leading their respective primary in the polls, 59 percent said they would pick Healey and 31 percent said they would back Diehl. Against Doughty, Healey still maintained a lead with 54 percent compared to his 31 percent. Voters were more likely to back Chang-Díaz over a Republican, but with lower levels of support than Healey: in a Chang-Díaz-Diehl race, about 46 percent of those polled backed the Democrat and 32 percent backed the Republican, while Chang-Díaz led Doughty nearly 41 percent to 33 percent.